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**DEVICE AND A METHOD FOR
AFFIXING OBJECTS TO PRODUCTS**

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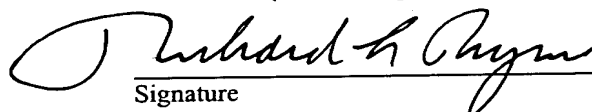
Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits this Information Disclosure Statement, which includes a completed Form PTO-1449.

The references identified in Form PTO-1449 were cited in an International Search Report dated February 22, 1999 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/NL98/00678. The August 11, 2000 Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495 indicates that a copy of the International Search Report in the underlying PCT application and copies of the references cited therein have

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already been received. However, copies of the International Search Report and the references cited therein (and listed on Form PTO-1449 submitted herewith) are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

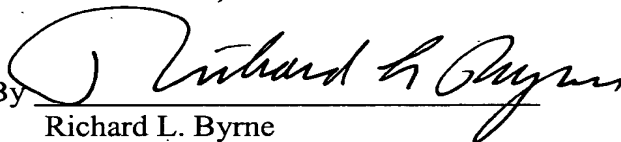
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), European Patent No. EP 0 085 895 dated August 17, 1983 is relevant for the reasons stated in the International Search Report.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(2), no fee is believed to be due for the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, as it is being submitted within three (3) months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 in an international application. Nevertheless, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. One (1) original and two (2) copies of this Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed.



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